



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Major Crime Bureau / Felony Assault Unit

Date: 08/04/2021

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Type of Offense/Incident: Shooting - No Injury

Date: 08/04/2021

Time: 4:16 p.m.

Location of Offense/Incident: 70 E. & Champion Avenue

Zone: 5

Precinct: 12

Incident Report #: 210577064

Cruiser District: 124

Victim: Jeffery Watkins

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 22

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age:

Charges:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On August 4, 2021 at approximately 4:17 p.m. officers responded to a shot spotter alert in the area of 601 S. Champion Avenue. Officers determined that the gunshots actually came from Interstate 70 East just east of S. Champion Avenue. Moments later a victim called in and stated his vehicle was struck by gunfire on the freeway. The victim, Jeffery Watkins stated he was driving eastbound when a vehicle pulled ahead of him. The left rear passenger of that vehicle, began shooting at him, striking his vehicle twice, before getting off at the Miller Avenue & Kelton Avenue exit.

This incident is still under investigation.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Det. J. Jude #2155 at 614-645-4141 or Crimes Stoppers at 614-461-8477.

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